

THERE WAS NO QUORUM AT THIS MEETING
COMMITTEE CONCERNING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES MEETING MINUTES
City of Middletown
100 Riverview Center, Recreation Department
September 2, 2014
6:00 PM

1. Members Present: Marty Knight/Chairperson, Elderrean Paules, Keith Vinci, Joseph Carta (via phone)

Absent: Richard Pelletier, August DeFrance, Phil Cacciola, Marie Hurley

Staff Present: Karen Nocera, Recreation & Community Services

General Public: None

2. Meeting Called to Order: Called to order at 6:05pm.

A moment of silence was observed in honor of Puddy Pattavina.

3. Public Hearing: none

4. Approval of Minutes: *A motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 3, 2014, was made by Ellie Paules and seconded by Keith Vinci. The motion was passed.*

Departmental Reports:

- Ellie Paules stated that there was a water problem again at Monarca Place. There were 3 apartments that were damaged and the tenants were displaced for ten days. A discussion ensued. There was also discussion about filling the vacant position on the Committee. It was suggested that we ask the Mayor if we can send out an email City wide.
- Keith Vinci stated that he is waiting to hear back from River's Edge regarding the letter that he sent to them. The audible walk signals are resolved however we need to know where the signals are. A discussion ensued.
- Debby Stanley reported that Laura Runte was assisting a gentleman that resides in Sbona Towers. He came to see Laura due to the fact that he is no longer able to speak due to throat cancer. He was looking for funding for a TTY phone. She contacted Mary-Ann Dayton-Fitzgerald at the State and was able to get a free TTY phone for him. She has been communicating with him via text messaging.
- Karen Nocera reported that the new Recreation brochure is available online. The Unified Theatre program is starting. There is a Lady Katharine cruise which will be held on October 14, 2014. A discussion ensued.
- Marty Knight stated that the TTY issue at Sbona Towers was resolved. He also mentioned that he received a letter from Elite Property Management. This is the management company for River's Edge Condominium complex. This letter states that they have already made adjustments to the door so that there is less resistance. Marty stated that Joe Carta was at River's Edge and still could not open the door. It was suggested that we send an email to Elite Property Management thanking them for the work that they have done with the door and that it was greatly appreciated. The email should suggest that perhaps a metal guard be installed to protect the glass. This would prevent a person from pushing in the glass while attempting to open the door. It should also state that the Commission appreciates Elite working with them. A discussion ensued.

Old Business

New Business:

Miscellaneous:

- It was suggested that we invite Dave Godwin of the Middletown Police Department Traffic Division to the next meeting to discuss the audio alarm signals.

Adjournment: *A motion of adjournment was made by Ellie Paules and was seconded by Keith Vinci. The motion carried unanimously.* The meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Bruni Runte